

Christ Lutheran Church
23425 Davis Mill Road
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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.

(Ephesians 4:1)

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 25, 2022

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*****The Confession and Absolution**

Liturgist: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Liturgist: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Liturgist: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Liturgist: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*****Opening Hymn:**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn #431

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing, Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love, Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

*****Psalm: Psalm 146 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Liturgist: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Liturgist: Put not your trust in princes,

People: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Liturgist: When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

People: on that very day his plans perish.

Liturgist: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the Lord his God,

Liturgist: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

People: who keeps faith forever;

Liturgist: who executes justice for the oppressed,

People: who gives food to the hungry.

Liturgist: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Liturgist: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

People: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Liturgist: The Lord will reign forever,

People: your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Scripture Lessons:

First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7

¹ Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!

² Go to Kalneh and look at it; go from there to great Hamath, and then go down to Gath in Philistia. Are they better off than your two kingdoms? Is their land larger than yours?

³ You put off the day of disaster and bring near a reign of terror.

⁴ You lie on beds adorned with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

⁵ You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments.

⁶ You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

⁷ Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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People: Thanks be to God

*****The Alleluia: (sung)** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Presenter: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Saint Luke beginning with the nineteenth verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Presenter: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children’s Sermon:

Sharing

Jeane Flesch



Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

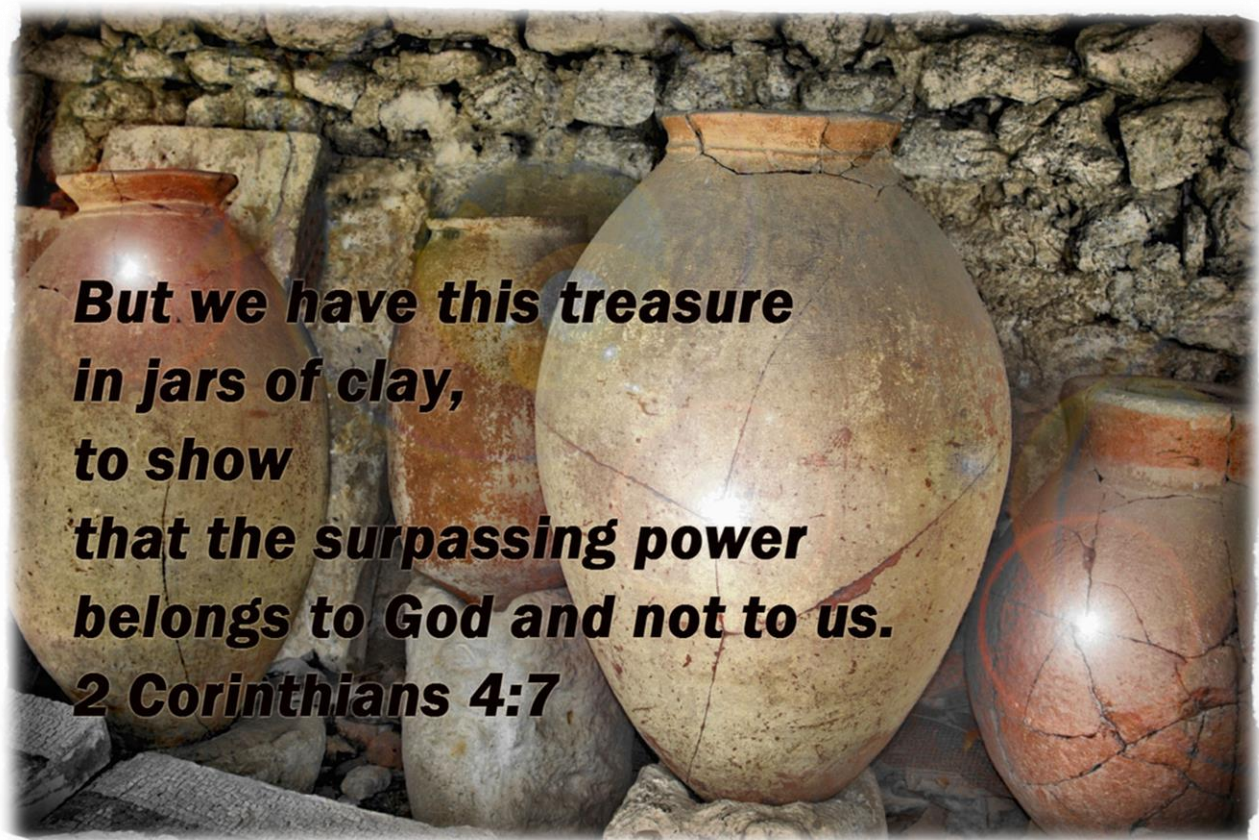
To him shall endless prayer be made, And praises throng to crown his head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Jars of Clay



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

*****The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

(The Pastor or Leader for the day will move to the Altar to lead the time of intercession.)

*****The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

Presenter: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

*****The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*****The Benediction:**

Presenter: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Hymn #555

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your king.
Refrain

(Refrain)

Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and snow crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free exulting song; God's wondrous praises speak.
Refrain

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.
Refrain

With voice as full and strong As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the hymns our fathers loved, The psalms of ancient days.
Refrain

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper
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Joyce Ballard	Mark & Terri Ballard	Sheila Perini	Robin Nicholson
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Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Wendy Battles	Lauren Galloway
John Desoulis	Meryl Benenati	Daniel Hubble	Tammy Stimmell
Family of Linda Schlosnagle			

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk, Skyler Hawk, Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Cameron Swanson, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Peace Lutheran Church, Defiance, OH

For our missionary work: Great Commission Families

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Difference Makers Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday at 4 PM at the Flesch's**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM**
- **Children's Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **Adult Sunday School: 9:30 AM**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our Website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Please review our prayer list in the bulletin. Let Joe or Carrie know of any changes.**
- **We are collecting shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" until November 13th. Shoeboxes, brochures and labels are available in the Narthex. Please enclose a check for \$10 to cover shipping.**